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1. SUMMARY. SECOND DAY OF HUA VISIT FEATURED TWO MORE ROUNDS OF OFFICIAL TALKS, A FACTORY VISIT, RECEPTION FOR DIPLOMATIC CORPS (ATTENDED BY SOVIET AND ALBANIAN AMBASSADORS), AND GALA EVENING PERFORMANCE. REMAINING EVENTS WILL TAKE HUA TO TWO IMPORTANT PROVINCIAL INDUSTRIAL CENTERS AND BLACK
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SEA COAST PRIOR TO AUGUST 21 DEPARTURE FOR BELGRADE. ALTHOUGH NO SIGNIFICANT SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENTS OR STATEMENTS HAVE YET BEEN ANNOUNCED, VISIT CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF HIGH POLITICAL VISIBILITY AND SYMBOLISM. REMAINING SCHEDULE PROVIDES, HOWEVER, AMPLE TIME FOR PRIVATE HUA-CEAUSESCU CONVERSATIONS. END SUMMARY.

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2. SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 17 TOOK PLACE AS REPORTED
PARA 7 REFTEL WITH ADDITIONAL OF A THIRD ROUND OF BILATERAL
TALKS IN AFTERNOON. LARGE DELEGATIONS PARTICIPATED IN
BOTH AUGUST 17 SESSIONS AS THEY DID IN FIRST SESSION PREVIOUS
DAY (PARA 5 REFTEL). VISIT TO BUCHAREST HEAVY
MACHINERY FACTORY WAS PUNCTUATED WITH NOT-SO-SUBTLE ROMANIAN
EMPHASIS ON THE QUALITY AND COMPETITIVENESS OF ITS EXPORT
PRODUCTS, PARTICULARLY ELECTRICAL GENERATING TURBINES AND
RELATED EQUIPMENT. ACCORDING TO ROMANIAN MEDIA, HUA'S
COMMENTS IN FACTORY'S GUEST BOOK PRAISED ROMANIA'S SUSTAINED
EFFORTS FOR "INDEPENDENT" DEVELOPMENT OF ITS NATIONAL
ECONOMY. FACTORY VISIT WAS FOLLOWED BY A STOP AT DRUMUL
TABEREI, ONE OF BUCHAREST'S MORE IMPRESSIVE "NEW TOWN"
HOUSING PROJECTS PRESENTLY CONSISTING OF SOME 60,000
APARTMENTS AND 160,000 RESIDENTS. AT NEITHER STOP DID
HUA MAKE ANY PUBLIC SPEECH.

3. CHAIRMAN HUA SEEMS TO BE ENJOYING HIS ROMANIAN VISIT.
AT FOREIGN MINISTRY RECEPTION TO MEET DIPLOMATIC CORPS,
HE WAS SMILING AND JOVIAL, GIVING NO IMPRESSION OF BEING
OVERLY IMBUED OF HIS OWN IMPORTANCE. LED BY SOVIET DEAN
OF THE CORPS, AMBASSADORS, CHARGES AND UN REPS WERE
FORMALLY INTRODUCED IN PROTOCOL ORDER BY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL.
MOST LIKE THE U.S. AMBASSADOR WERE GIVEN A WARM HANDSHAKE
AND A SMILE. THE ALBANIAN AND VIETNAMESE DID NOT GET THE
SMILE. OTHERS LIKE THE PAKISTANI, THE IRANIAN, AND THE
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NORTH KOREAN WERE DETAINED FOR BRIEF EXCHANGES; JAPANESE
CHARGE TOLD US HUA HAD PRAISED SINO-JAPANESE TREATY,
FULL TEXT OF WHICH WAS PRINTED IN ROMANIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS
WEEKLY LUMEA. LONGEST SEPARATE CONVERSATION WAS THAT WITH
CANADIAN AMBASSADOR, WHO TOLD ME HUA REMARKED "CANADA IS A
GREAT COUNTRY"; PRC FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO HAD BEEN AMBASSADOR
IN CANADA, SPOKE OF CHINA'S DESIRES FOR TRAINING STUDENTS
IN CANADA (CF OTTAWA 4031 NOTAL). WHILE HUA'S REACTION
TO US AMBASSADOR WAS NOT EXCEPTIONAL, HIS PRC COLLEAGUES
WHO FOLLOWED HIM IN LINE WERE EXTREMELY WARM IN THEIR GREETINGS
AND CHINESE AMBASSADOR--WHO MADE CERTAIN CHAIRMAN HUA
KNEW I WAS USA AMBASSADOR--WAS VISIBLY PLEASED THAT I HAD
ACCEPTED ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT INVITATION TO CEREMONY.

4. NINETY MINUTE EVENING GALA IN JAM-PACKED SPORTS AND
CULTURAL PALACE RAN THROUGH ROMANIAN REPERTOIRE OF PATRIOTIC,
POPULAR AND FOLKLORE MUSIC AND DANCE WITH MILITARY PRECISION.
PERFORMANCE FEATURED SEVERAL OF ROMANIA'S BEST KNOWN
PERFORMERS AND FOLKLORE ENSEMBLES, INCLUDING ARMY "DOINA"
GROUP WHICH WAS TOURED CHINA SEVERAL TIMES. PROGRAM INCLUDED
ONE CHINESE DANCE AND THREE CHINESE SONGS, ONE

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OF WHICH WAS SUNG IN CHINESE; ROMANIAN SEGMENT WAS CAREFUL TO INCLUDE A DANCE OR TWO FROM MAGYAR AND GERMAN ETHNIC AREAS. HUA AND CEAUSESCU RECEIVED ENTHUSIASTIC AND SUSTAINED BUT NOT OVERWHELMING APPALUSE. NO SPEECHES WERE MADE.

5. SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 18 WILL TAKE HUA TO PETROLEUM CENTER OF PLOIESTI, A CARPATHIAN MOUNTAIN RESORT FOR LUNCH, AND DINNER AND OVERNIGHT IN TRANSYLVANIAN CITY OF BRASOV WHICH IS SITE OF MAJOR TRUCK AND HEAVY AUTOMOTIVE FACTORY AUGUST 19 HE WILL TOUR A SHOWPIECE EXPERIMENTAL FARM, VISIT
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MAJOR SHIPYARD AT BLACK SEA PORT OF CONSTANTA, SPEND
A "FREE" AFTERNOON, ATTEND ANOTHER OFFICIAL DINNER, AND OVER-
NIGHT AT BLACK SEA RESORT OF NEPTUN WHERE CEAUSESCU HAS
A VACATION VILLA. OFFICIAL SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 20 LISTS
ONLY A RETURN TO BUCHAREST AT MIDDAY AND A RECEPTION AT
CHINESE EMBASSY THAT EVENING. FINALLY, SCHEDULE FOR MORNING
OF AUGUST 21 LISTS A CEREMONY "TO SIGN DOCUMENTS" AND A
1045 DEPARTURE FOR BELGRADE.

6. COMMENT. ROMANIA AND PRC HAVE BOTH JUST RATIFIED THE LONG-
TERM ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT SIGNED IN PEKING IN MAY,
SO WE ANTICIPATE AN EXCHANGE OF RATIFICATIONS AS WELL AS SIGNATURE
OF A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC TRADE PROTOCOLS UNDER IT. ABOVE SCHEDULE,
ASSUMING IT HOLDS, PROVIDES AMPLE TIME OVER THE WEEKEND
FOR SUSTAINED PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN HUA AND
CEAUSESCU IN RELAXED AND ATTRACTIVE SETTING, BUT IT
DOES NOT PROVIDE HUA WITH A PUBLIC PLATFORM SUCH AS THE
"FRIENDSHIP MEETING" FORMAT ACCORDED TO BREZHNEV IN
NOVEMBER 1976 AND OCCASIONALLY TO OTHER VISITING COMMUNIST
LEADERS. NOR IS A HUA PRESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED. SUCH
OMISSIONS PRESUMABLE ARE INTENTIONAL AND CAN BE INTERPRETED
AS A SLIGHT NOD TO THE SOVIETS.
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